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TAGS:PEPR, TU, UR

SUBJECT: TURKISH/SOVIET RELATIONS

FOLLOWING ARE EXTRACTS FROM DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING JUNE  
26. BEGIN TEXT:

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON TURKEY SIGNING A FRIENDSHIP  
PACT WITH THE SOVIET UNION ?

A: IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE "POLITICAL DOCUMENT"  
WHICH WAS SIGNED BETWEEN TURKEY AND THE SOVIET UNION ON  
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JUNE 23, WAS ESSENTIALLY A RESTATEMENT OF THE GENERAL  
PRINCIPLES OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT AND WAS VERY SIMILAR  
TO AGREEMENTS WHICH FRANCE AND NORWAY HAVE SIGNED WITH THE  
SOVIET UNION IN RECENT YEARS.

WE MIGHT ALSO NOTE THAT IN A NEWS CONFERENCE IN MOSCOW,  
PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT NOTED THAT BOTH COUNTRIES RECOGNIZED

THAT EACH BELONGED TO DIFFERENT ALLIANCE SYSTEMS AND THAT THE QUESTION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR TURKEY FROM THE SOVIET UNION HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED.

Q: SO I TAKE IT, IT DOESN'T SIGNIFY TO YOU AT THIS CRITICAL POINT, ANY WEAKENING OF TURKEY'S COMMITMENT TO NATO.

A: THAT IS CORRECT.

Q: DO YOU HAVE -- DOES THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAVE ANY HUNCH WHETHER THE TURKS WILL MOVE ULTIMATELY TO ASK THE RUSSIANS FOR ARMS? OR IS THAT CONTINGENT ON CONGRESS' DOING WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE THEM TO DO ABOUT THE EMBARGO ?

A: I HAVE NO HINT ON THAT.

Q: WHAT IS THE STATUS NOW OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORT TO GET THE EMBARGO ?

A: I HESITATE TO SPEAK FOR THE CALENDAR MAKERS BUT I BELIEVE THAT THE VOTE IS NOT GOING TO BE TAKEN UNTIL AFTER THE JULY 4 RECESS. END TEXT. VANCE

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